IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1,13 and 16 as follows:

1.   A system for decoding a predetermined message symbol of a plurality of message symbols embedded in an audio signal, the plurality of message symbols being contained within a predetermined message, the predetermined message symbol being represented by first and second code symbols displaced in time in the audio signal with at least one code symbol representing a different one of the message symbols positioned in time between the first and second code symbols, comprising:

means for accumulating a first signal value of the first code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol and a second signal value of the second code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol; and

means for examining the accumulated first and second signal values to detect the predetermined message symbol represented by the first and second code symbols.

13.   (Twice Amended) A method for decoding a predetermined message symbol of a plurality of message symbols incorporated in an audio signal, the plurality of message symbols being contained within a predetermined message, the predetermined message symbol being represented by first and second code symbols displaced in time in the audio signal with at least one code symbol representing a different one of the message symbols positioned in time between the first and second code symbols, comprising:

accumulating a first signal value of the first code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol and a second signal value of the second code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol; and

examining the accumulated first and second signal values to detect the predetermined message symbol.

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16.   A system for decoding a predetermined message symbol of a plurality of message symbols incorporated in an audio signal, the plurality of message symbols being contained within a predetermined message, the predetermined message symbol being represented by first and second code symbols displaced in time in the audio signal with at least one code symbol representing a different one of the message symbols positioned in time between the first and second code symbols, comprising:

an input device for receiving the first code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol and the second code symbol representing the predetermined message symbol; and

a digital processor in communication with the input device to receive data therefrom representing the first and second code symbols, the digital processor being programmed to accumulate a first signal value representing the first code symbol and a second signal value representing the second code symbol, the digital processor being further programmed to examine the accumulated first and second signal values to detect the predetermined message symbol.